



BONHOMME RICHARD'S ALMANAC

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"I have not yet begun to fight!"



INQUIRY BEGINS INTO FORMER CIA DIRECTOR

By James Risen

The Justice Department and the FBI have begun a criminal investigation to determine whether John M. Deutch, a former director of the CIA, mishandled classified material by placing it on unsecured computers in his home, government officials said.

The investigation is the result of an internal review of the case ordered in February by Attorney

General Janet Reno after criticism of the CIA's handling of the case and of her initial decision not to prosecute Deutch for the security lapses. Reno decided against prosecution last year, officials said, without ordering any investigation by the FBI.

For the new investigation, officials said, the Justice Department has assigned a prosecutor to work directly with FBI agents. They are pursuing an inquiry that focuses on whether Deutch should face criminal charges for having retained highly classified information on his unsecured home computers while he was leading the agency. Deutch has apologized for the security lapses.

Officials said a separate special White House intelligence panel presented President Clinton with a toughly worded report that is critical of current and former CIA officials for failing to follow through adequately on the evidence against Deutch.

The report by the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board was presented to Mr. Clinton personally this week by the board's chairman, former Sen. Warren B. Rudman. Officials said that the board's report was particularly critical of the roles in the investigation played by the CIA's former executive director, Nora Slatkin, and the former general counsel, Michael O'Neil.



Airman Tim Bradbury looks on as Airman Kate Kalinsky refuels a vehicle that will be used to transport Marines during Exercise Eastern Maverick. (Photo by JO1 (SW) Robert W. Garnand.)

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS BELOW 4 PERCENT

By Louis Uchitelle

The nation's unemployment rate fell below 4 percent in April for the first time in 30 years, the Labor Department announced Friday, as employers hired, among others, tens of thousands of census takers, restaurant employees and temporary workers in a boom that showed no signs of letting up. There was little evidence, with a total of 340,000 new jobs last month and a jobless rate of 3.9 percent, that the 9-year-old expansion, the longest in U.S. history, might be weakening in response to the Federal Reserve's attempt to slow the economy by raising interest rates.

The economy may be in its best shape since the 1960s, but the Fed's great fear, often expressed by its chairman, Alan Greenspan, is that job shortages will eventually give workers enough bargaining power to push up labor costs ahead of productivity gains. While wage gains remained relatively modest and many of the latest jobs are temporary, employers may still respond to the

tight labor market by raising prices to cover the higher costs, or simply because the strong economy allows them to.

The pool of people still available for hire is drying up fast. That pool shrank by 426,000 men and women, to under 9.9 million last month, the lowest level since the Labor Department began to track it in 1994. Greenspan pays particular attention to this statistic because with fewer people available, existing workers in theory at least are in a better position to demand and receive strong wage increases.

The pool now consists of 5.5 million people labeled as officially unemployed because they are actively looking for jobs, and 4.4 million others who tell Labor Department surveyors that they want to work, but are not currently looking.

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CHANNEL 2

1030 DHARMA & GREG

1100 POKEMAN, THE MOVIE

1630 MOTOWN LIVE

1730 JEOPARDY

1800 PARTY OF FIVE

1900 BUFFY: VAMPIRE SLAYER

2000 ALIEN

2200 THE BIG LEBOWSKI

CHANNEL 6

1030 SPIN CITY

1100 FOR RICHER OR POORER

1630 BLACK MASK

1800 TRADING PLACES

2000 SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE

2200 GOTTI

TV SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
DUE TO OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS

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HELP FOR AUTISTIC PEOPLE RARE

By Iver Peterson

One family came from India, others from Greece, Italy and Israel. An Australian family is thinking about coming. By comparison, Rob and Anne Mandel had it pretty easy, giving up his medical practice and a life they loved in Indiana to get their son, Sam, the help he needed in New Jersey.

Sam is autistic, and the Mandels are part of a phenomenon: families that, desperate for the most sophisticated special education services, have moved from other states and even other nations in search of care. But, increasingly, the needs of parents with autistic children are clashing with the bottom lines of school districts that have to pay for expensive services for students who may never set foot in district classrooms, but will be sent to private institutions at a school district's expense.

A 1975 federal law guarantees a "free and appropriate public education" for all disabled students. But the education available in most places cannot compare with what is offered in states like New Jersey, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. So families, many of whom share information on the Internet, are increasingly relocating to areas with the best programs. School enrollment in New Jersey grew by 11.8 percent from 1991 to 1997, while the number of autistic children registered in the state increased sevenfold, from 234 to 1,634.

The treatment most in demand for autism is applied behavioral analysis, highly structured one-on-one coaching by trained teachers. It offers children the possibility of eventually being able to attend regular classes, its advocates say.

KIDNAPPINGS PART OF LONG WAR

By Seth Mydans

They are schoolchildren, teachers and a group of mostly European holiday makers, true innocents who have been caught for weeks in a pair of terrifying kidnappings in the lawless jungles of the southern Philippines.

Their captors have herded them up mountains and down riverbeds, to the sound of gunfire from Philippine troops. Last weekend, as troops closed in on one group, the kidnappers executed four Filipino captives, including a Roman Catholic priest.

The longest-held of the groups includes a dozen children and teachers, the last of about 50 people kidnapped from two schoolhouses on March 20. When 15 children and teachers were rescued last weekend, they described beatings, torture and abuse. There are 21 people in the second group, kidnapped from a Malaysian resort island. In addition to local workers, they include two South Africans, a Lebanese, three Germans, two Finns and two French travelers.

The hostage-taking is as complex as it is seemingly senseless. For nearly 30 years, Islamic groups have battled the government on Mindanao. The conflict has taken as many as 120,000 lives and has helped to keep the island of 17 million people one of the poorest areas in the Philippines.

The kidnappings are the work of Abu Sayyaf, or "Bearer of the Sword" in Arabic, a group of 200 fighters whose founder was trained in Libya and fought in Afghanistan. It is known for kidnappings, church bombings and the massacre of 53 people in 1995.

PUTIN SWORN IN AS RUSSIA'S NEW PRESIDENT

By CNN

Sworn in Monday as Russia's second democratically elected president, Vladimir Putin promised "to work openly and honestly" in his official role as head of state.

In an elaborate inauguration ceremony in the Grand Kremlin Palace, Putin took the oath of office amid a crowd of top officials and political leaders.

With his right hand on a copy of the 1993 Russian Constitution, and his predecessor, Boris Yeltsin, at his side, Putin swore "to respect and protect the rights and freedoms" of the people.

The ceremony marked the first time in Russia's modern history that a peaceful transition of power had taken place under the country's constitution.

In a 10-minute acceptance speech, Putin gave no hint of who he may appoint as the country's prime minister

or of appointments for the Cabinet. He did, however, say that Russians "must protect and develop democracy."

"We want Russia to be a free, prosperous, and civilized country," he said.

The 47-year-old former KGB officer faces the challenge of restoring national pride and economic health after decades of decline.

Putin's ceremony fell on a major public holiday in the country, when Russians are celebrating the 55th anniversary of the Soviet victory over Germany in World War II.

Putin was to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier outside the Kremlin following his speech.

More than 1,000 guests had looked on as Putin placed his right hand on a leather-bound copy of the constitution and swore his oath of office.

SCRAPING AND PAINTING



Seaman Chris Reninger, Seaman Luke Woodin and Seaman Dusan Tapaha sit in the punt boat and scrape barnacles from the ship's waterline in preparation for painting. (Photo by JO1(SW) Robert W. Garnand.)



Seaman Dwyone Vaughn spent some of yesterday painting the side of USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6) while in a manlift on a barge that was pulled alongside. (Photo by JO1(SW) Robert W. Garnand.)

SPORTS

BASEBALL SCORES:

Tampa Bay	1	Boston	0
NY Yankee	3	Baltimore	1
Cleveland	8	Toronto	6
Seattle	1	Anaheim	0
Minnesota	6	Detroit	1
Kansas City	11	Chi. White Sox	5
Texas	11	Oakland	10
St. Louis	3	Cincinnati	1
Montreal	3	Milwaukee	2
Pittsburgh	11	Chi. Cubs	9
San Francisco	6	Colorado	0
Arizona	10	San Diego	5
Florida	9	NY Mets	1
Philadelphia	6	Atlanta	0
Los Angeles	9	Houston	6

HOCKEY SCORES:

New Jersey	4	Toronto	3
(New Jersey leads 3-2)			

BASKETBALL SCORES:

Indiana	108	Philadelphia	91
(Indiana leads 1-0)			

WALLACE DOMINATES, BUT "LITTLE EARNHARDT" IS THERE AT THE END

By CNN SI

Over the last 50 laps of the NASCAR Pontiac Excitement 400, Dale Earnhardt Jr. didn't look like a rookie.

Earnhardt clipped Tony Stewart, passed his legendary father and held off Terry Labonte to become the first two-time winner on the Winston Cup circuit this season.

It was an eventful and somewhat surprising win by Earnhardt, who took the DirecTV 500 last month but never had led a Winston Cup race on a short track. But he showed some toughness and skill down the stretch, earning more respect from his rivals.

Ricky Rudd was fourth and Rusty Wallace fifth, both in Ford Tauruses.

As the pole-sitter, Wallace led

DERBY FAVORED FUSAICHI WINS

By ESPN

For the first time since Spectacular Bid in 1979, the favorite won the Kentucky Derby. But Fusaichi Pegasus not only beat Aptitude and the rest of the field, he made them look slow down the stretch. The Neil Drysdale-trained colt won with a time of 2:01.12 before a crowd of 153,204.

The Derby winner now looks forward to a trip to the Preakness Stakes on May 20. Rookie trainer Todd Pletcher also had reason to celebrate, as two of his record four entries finished in the top 5. Impeachment was the show horse and more than ready finished in fourth.

223 of the 400 laps but was shuffled to the middle of the pack by a series of cautions and could not regain the lead.

Bobby Labonte barely held onto his lead in the Winston Cup standings. He has 1,601 points, three more than Burton, who finished sixth.

Earnhardt's win ended the record-setting Winston Cup streak of 10 different victors to start the season. He grabbed the lead in the rookie standings, overtaking Matt Kenseth, who finished 15th.

There were 23 lead changes among 10 drivers and nine cautions for 59 laps. Jeremy Mayfield, who won last week's NAPA Auto Parts 500, was the first driver in trouble, crashing on the 12th lap.

LIFE-CYCLE APPROACH TO INSURANCE (CON'T FROM YESTERDAY)

BUYING A HOME/CONDO/MOBILE HOME

"I've just made the biggest purchase of my life, now I want to protect my investment and find a way to pay off this debt if something happens to me."

- Homeowners Insurance - Required by your lender, needed to cover both the real property and your personal possessions. It also includes liability coverage for someone injured on your property.
- Life insurance - Needs increase at this time due to the mortgage you are carrying. If you want to be able to pay it off, then you must carry enough insurance to do so.

INCREASING ASSETS

"I am finally starting to accumulate some possessions and put money aside in investments. Now I worry about how to protect these assets from a lawsuit."

- Umbrella Policy - Wide coverage for minimal costs. This is in addition to homeowners and auto insurance. It covers you above the limits of these policies for your liability in a lawsuit.
- Homeowners - see above
- Auto - see above
- Life - see above

DIVORCE

"My spouse said she would continue to cover me on the auto insurance policy, but now its been cancelled. What should I do?"

- Divorce can happen anytime in the life-cycle. Make sure you have your own policies, in your own name for all of the above areas.
- Reconsider your life insurance needs and who you list as your beneficiary.
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RETIREMENT/SEPARATION

"I am getting out of the military in a few months, will my insurance needs change?"

You have been provided many benefits at low or no cost which you now must cover yourself.

- Life insurance - Increase your policy to cover the loss of SGLI or consider VGLI (Veterans Group Life Insurance).
- Health/Dental - Shop for a policy if not provided by your next employer. Personal health policies can be very expensive. Even if you are eligible for Medicare/Medicaid, you may need a supplemental policy.
- Disability - If your are continuing to work, you may be provided coverage by your employer, otherwise you should look for a policy to replace a portion of your income should you be injured or become ill.
- Auto - see above
- Homeowners/Renters policy - see above

DEATH

"My spouse just passed away, what can I expect financially now?"

Active Duty Members:

- Death Gratuity - \$ 6,000
- SGLI - up to \$ 200,000
- Dependant Indemnity Compensation
- Accumulated leave and/or arrears in pay
- Burial
- Travel to funeral
- 3 months BAH or time in quarters
- Final household goods shipment
- Social Security
- VA Education Benefits

Out of military:

- Benefits will depend on the policies you have put in place.

Retirees:

- SBP if elected
- Social security
- Burial

